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We are closely watching updates on COVID-19 in our community and guidance by the CDC. The health and safety of our exhibitors and everyone involved in our trials are the priority. At this time, upcoming trials will proceed as scheduled WITH SOME NEEDED CHANGES. As the COVID-19 situation develops, we will review the status of our trials.

First: All exhibitors will crate and work out of their cars for all trials, all sports. This is a social distancing measure recommended by the CDC. Spectating is discouraged in order to prevent a large number of people gathering. We recommend folks stay at their vehicles and keep the CDC-recommended 6 feet between themselves and others. Hugs and congratulations can be done from a distance!

Second: Exhibitors should bring their own hand sanitizer and use it regularly throughout the day for your own protection. We will make every effort to acquire sanitizer and station it throughout the trial site, but it is difficult to find it or the ingredients to make our own at this point in time.

Third: We will not be offering a group lunch to prevent a gathering of people. Please bring your own lunch to trials. We apologize, but minimizing risk outweighs convenience right now.

Fourth: If you are sick, you must stay home. No exceptions, regardless of what you may have come down with. If you have allergies or a similar condition that causes you to cough and sneeze, please do not alarm folks by coming to a trial.

Fifth: Judges' briefings, walkthroughs and similar gatherings will be minimized or removed. You'll receive a notice of the plan before each trial.

Finally, every few hours we will clean commonly touched surfaces at our trial site such as door handles and other equipment that may be used regularly.

Refund Policy: If you would like to cancel your trial entry, we will refund your entry fee. Simply contact the trial secretary and ask her to mail your check back or destroy it.

IF a trial is cancelled: If judges cannot travel to our trials or if the COVID-19 status of our community requires us to cancel a trial, exhibitors will be notified and entry fees refunded.

Let's be safe out there and take care of ourselves and our community to help preserve the effectiveness of our healthcare system and to protect those highly vulnerable to the virus. Hand wash regularly to the happy birthday song x 2 and keep your hands away from your face - borrow your dog's Elizabethan collar if you need to!

Sincerely, Bellevue Dog Obedience Club